(a) and (b) As per balance sheet of the Company the expenditure on salary & wages, E. S. I., provident Fund, Gratuity, Bonus and Staff Welfare expenses etc. of M/s Associated Journals Ltd. in all its offices are as follows:—

Year ended	Amount in crores
31-3-1986	1.42
31-3-1987	1.30
31-3-1988	1.73
31-3-1989	2.47

The secured, unsecured loans and deferred credits availed by of the company are as follows:—

Year ended	Amount in crores
31-3-1986	3.59
31-3-1987	3.56
31-3-1988	3.39
31-3-1989	3.93

Arrest of Swami Saroopanand Saraswati

2326. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Shankaracharya of Dwarka and Jyotir peeths, Swami, Saroopanand Saraswati and his followeres had been arrested on 30th April, 1990 in Phulpur, Azamgarh District;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether other religious leaders of different communities would also be arrested on similar grounds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) "Public Order" and "Maintenance of communal harmony" is a State Subject. According to a report received from the State Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Swami Saroopanand Saraswati, the Shankaracharya of Dwarka Peeth and his 11 followers were arrested in order to prevent breach of peace and communal harmony in view of his proposed "Shilanyas" Ceremony of the Ram Janam Bhoomi Temple on May 7,1990 at Ayodhya in Violation of the restraint order of the Hon'ble Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court regarding maintaining the *status quo* of disputed shrine.

(c) The authorities of the State charged with the responsibility of maintaining "Public Order" and Rule of Law are duty bound to proceed against any person whose activities may be prejudicial of "Public Order and Communal harmony".

Development of Minor Ports

2327. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central assistance is being given for the development of minor ports in the country ;

(b) if so, the amount provided by the Government during the Seventh

ive Year Plan for the development of different minor ports ;

(c) whether Government have identified any minor port for development during Eighth Plan ;

(d) whether Gopalpur minor port is one of them; and

(e) if so, the amount provided or earmarked therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) No, Sir. The Central assistance for the development of minor ports was given till the Fifth Five Year Plan and was discontinued subsequently.

(b) A provision of Rs. 20 crores was made for the development of two minor ports during the Seventh Five Year Plan under the Central loan assistance. But no funds were released.

(c) The Working Group for Eighth Five Year Plan for the Port Sector has recommended an overall outlay of Rs. 200 crores towards Central assistance for development of minor ports. The Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

(d) and (e) No minor port for Central loan assistance has been specifically identified by the Working Group. Hence, the question of earmarking provision for any individual port does not arise.

Punjab Terrorists Activities in Terai Region of U. P.

2328. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
KUMARI ALIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Punjab terrorists spreading their activities to Terai region of Uttar Pradesh, if so, how many people and policemen have been killed during the last three months in Nainital and Pilibhit districts ; and

(b) what measures have been taken by Government to curb this menace and what is Uttar Pradesh Government's report in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) and (b) The Government of U.P. has been alerted regarding the stepped up terrorist activities in the Terai region of the State. Periodic consultations between State Police authorities of Punjab , U.P. and other bordering States are held for sharing information regarding the movements and activities of terrorists bands. Details of terrorist crimes in the Terai region and measures taken are being ascertained from U.P. Government and a statement will be laid on the Table of the House.

Microwave Linkage of Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of the State

2329. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat made a proposal to establish Microwave linkage to Ahmedabad and Rajkot with other Kendras of the State for regional network ; and

(b) If so, whether provision has been made for such linkage with INSAT-1D programme ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.